

Opportunity to Object to the Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation Project

The Gibson Jack Trailhead Relocation project Final Environmental Assessment has been prepared and the draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact are available for objection. The purpose and need for the project is to provide adequate and safe trailhead facilities and trail conditions for forest visitors within the Gibson Jack Creek drainage. The proposed project will move the Gibson Jack Trailhead approximately 800 ft. to the west onto a bench above Gibson Jack Creek to provide parking for approximately 15 vehicles and a trailer turn-around. To be consistent with the direction of the Revised Forest Plan for the Caribou National Forest, a plan amendment is needed to add the proposed trailhead, parking area, and reconstructed access route to Management Prescription Area 4.1(b) – Developed Recreation Site. The location of the proposed action lies within the boundary of the West Mink Roadless Area on the Westside Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Approval of the proposed action relies on a connected action to modify the West Mink Roadless Area boundary. The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is Garth Smelser, Forest Supervisor, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. A copy of the draft Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Final Environmental Assessment can be obtained from: contact Doug Herzog, Project Leader, at **robertdherzog@fs.fed.us** or 208-557-5763. Online they are available at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects>.

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B and 36 CFR 219 Subpart B.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project, either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment, in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a) and 219.53(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project or plan amendment unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities for comment.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (36 CFR 218.5(c) and 219.53(b)). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b) and 219.54(b). Per 36 CFR 218.8(d) and 219.54(c), at a minimum, an objection must include:

- Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project;
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection; and

- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be addressed to Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00AM – 4:30PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word document (.doc or .docx) to objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9 and 219.56(c)).

The publication date in the Idaho State Journal, the newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project and plan amendment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.